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**Amendments to the claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (previously presented): A mounting device for releasably securing a portable electronic device to a seat having a substantially vertical backrest portion and a base portion, said mounting device comprising:

a housing provided for accessibly retaining said portable electronic device,

a headrest strap adapted for substantially encircling an upper portion of said substantially vertical backrest portion of said seat and connected to an upper portion of said housing,

a base strap adapted for substantially encircling a lower portion of said backrest portion of said seat proximate said base portion and connected to a single point of a lower portion of said housing.

Claim 2 (original): The mounting device according to claim 1, wherein said headrest strap is connected to two discrete spaced apart points in said upper portion of said housing.

Claims 3 and 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (currently amended): The mounting device according to claim [[4]] 2,  
wherein said housing ~~has a maximum~~ consisting of three strap attachment points.

Claim 6 (original): The mounting device according to claim 1, further comprising a  
cross over strap disposed between and interconnecting said housing to said base strap,  
wherein a first end of said crossover strap includes a sliding strap loop to providing an  
adjustable connection to said base strap.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The mounting device system as described in claim  
[[1]] 6, wherein said crossover strap has an adjustment mechanism to adjust a length thereof.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The mounting device system as described in claim  
[[5]] 7, wherein said adjustment mechanism is a slide buckle.

Claim 9 (original): The mounting device according to claim 1, wherein said housing  
is a hard-sided case.

Claim 10 (original): The mounting device according to claim 1, wherein said housing  
is a soft-sided housing.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The mounting device as described in claim 1,  
wherein said headrest strap and said base strap each have an individual adjustment  
mechanism to adjust a length thereof.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A The mounting device for releasably securing a portable electronic device to a seat having a substantially vertical backrest portion and a base portion as described in claim 5, said mounting device comprising:

a housing provided for accessibly retaining said portable electronic device,

a headrest strap adapted for substantially encircling an upper portion of said substantially vertical backrest portion of said seat and connected to an upper portion of said housing,

a base strap adapted for substantially encircling a lower portion of said backrest portion of said seat proximate said base portion and connected to a single point of a lower portion of said housing,

wherein said headrest strap is connected to two discrete spaced apart points in said upper portion of said housing,

wherein said housing consisting of three strap attachment points, and

wherein said three attachment points each include a D-ring type connector to establish a connection between said housing and a corresponding one of said straps.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The mounting device as described in claim 12, wherein said headrest strap has a first and second end each having bolt snap-type connectors connected to a corresponding one of said D-ring connections.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The mounting device as described in claim 12, further comprising a cross over strap disposed between and interconnecting said housing to said base strap, wherein said crossover strap has a bolt snap connector connected to a

corresponding one of said D-ring connections.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A mounting device for releasably securing a portable electronic device in combination with an automobile seat having a substantially vertical backrest portion and a base portion, said mounting device comprising:

a housing for accessibly retaining said portable electronic device;

a three-point connecting harness for holding said housing container to a rearward facing surface of an automobile seat, said three-point connecting harness including[.];

a headrest strap encircling an upper portion of said substantially vertical portion of said automobile seat, said headrest strap having a first and second end attached at two discrete spaced apart locations disposed in an upper portion of said housing container,

a base strap encircling a portion of said backrest portion of said automobile seat adjacent said base portion of said automobile seat, and

a crossover strap connecting said base strap to a third location disposed on a lower portion of said housing.

Claim 16 (currently amended): A The combination for releasably securing a portable electronic device in combination with an automobile seat having a substantially vertical backrest portion and a base portion as described in claim 15, said mounting device comprising:

a housing for accessibly retaining said portable electronic device;

a three-point connecting harness for holding said housing to a rearward facing

surface of an automobile seat, said three-point connecting harness including:

a headrest strap encircling an upper portion of said substantially vertical portion of said automobile seat, said headrest strap having a first and second end attached at two discrete spaced apart locations disposed in an upper portion of said housing,

a base strap encircling a portion of said backrest portion of said automobile seat adjacent said base portion of said automobile seat, and

a crossover strap connecting said base strap to a third location disposed on a lower portion of said housing,

wherein[[,]] said crossover strap has a first and second end, said first end having a single point connection to a downward facing surface of said housing container, said second end being formed into a sliding strap loop to form an adjustable connection to said base strap disposed along a forward facing surface of said automobile seat.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The combination described in claim 16, wherein said crossover strap extends between said substantially vertical backrest portion and a base portion.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The mounting device according to claim 1, in combination with said seat having said substantially vertical backrest portion and said base portion, wherein said headrest strap substantially encircles an upper portion of said substantially vertical backrest portion of said seat, and wherein said base strap substantially

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encircles a lower portion of said backrest portion of said seat proximate said base portion.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The mounting device according to claim 1, in combination with said portable electronic device, wherein said housing is provided for accessibly retaining said portable electronic device.